

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**C.R.M-M No.1400 of 2015
Date of Decision : 19.01.2015**

Mrs. Sandhya Jemes

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Nitesh Singhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.P.S. Gill, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Vaibhav Sehgal, Advocate
for the respondent No.5.

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents No.1 to 4 to grant bail to the petitioner in DDR No.115 dated 05.01.2015 registered under Sections 107, 151 Cr.P.C.

The precise argument of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that despite the petitioner offering cash security the respondents No.1 to 4 are not releasing her on bail only due to the pressure exerted by the respondent No.5.

Learned Assistant Advocate General as well as the learned

counsel for respondent No.5 have denied that the respondent No.5 is putting any pressure. However, when I asked the learned Assistant Advocate General why it has taken so long for the police to decide the bail application, the facile reason given is that it took time to verify the surety.

It is not disputed that the surety has since been verified. In the circumstances, the respondents No.1 to 4 are directed to release the petitioner forthwith.

Before parting, this Court is constrained to record its unequivocal disapproval of these strong-arm tactics by the police. It is not as if the security was submitted by somebody who is living very far away but the case was of security being offered by the brother of the petitioner who is also resident of Ludhiana, It is inconceivable that the police took a fortnight just to verify these facts.

Petition stands allowed in the above terms.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

A copy of this order be given to the learned counsel for the petitioner under the signatures of the Bench Secretary.

January 19, 2015

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**